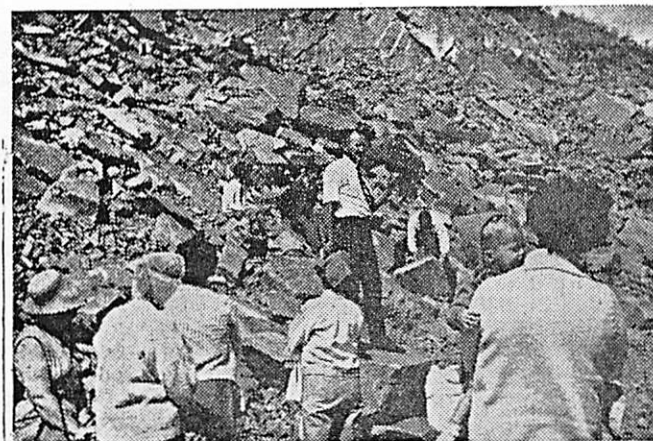




**LUNCHEON ON TOWN SQUARE**— The Utah Historical Society tour starts with lunch on the Tabernacle grounds.



**OLD ABRAM HATCH HOME**— Bishop Harold H. Smith tells of fine craftsmanship in old Abram Hatch home.



**STONE QUARRY**— Sandstone quarrying at Lake Creek Quarries demonstrated by Kent Larsen and Don Barker.



**TOUR MIDWAY**— President Reed Kohler conducts tour of Midway Town and pioneer points of interest in area.



Scouts of Troops 221 and 222 conduct flag ceremony.



Lethe Tatge tells visitors about her beautiful home in Midway.

Chapter arrived in the early afternoon in Heber and had a fine lunch on the town square lawn. Good use was made of the tables and benches placed in the area this spring by the Heber City Parks Department.

A picnic lunch was served by ladies of the Wasatch Historical Society under the guidance of Florence Nielson. Assisting her were Hope Mohr, Helen Larsen, Ruth Witt and LaVon Provost.

**DON BARKER, PRESIDENT** of the Wasatch Historical Society, and Kent Larsen, program director for town square activities for the Society, welcomed the guests and outlined the tour events. Busses provided by the school district greatly assisted in handling the large number of visitors for this cultural and educational tour.

First stop was at the fine old Abram Hatch home on Center Street where the present owner, Bishop Harold H. Smith, met the group and pointed out the excellent workmanship, particularly the stonework, used in the construction of this home. Bishop Smith graciously agreed to a tour through the empty house. He pointed to the beautiful and unusual tile of the fireplaces, the fine chandeliers, the solid brass door hinges, handsome woodwork, and even the old red velvet carpeting and lace fringed curtains in the upstairs, noting that the very finest materials and most exacting craftsmanship had gone into the construction by President Hatch of his new home in 1901.

**THE TOUR PROCEEDED** to the Lake Creek quarries, source of the sandstone for many early Heber buildings, the courthouse, tabernacle, social hall, old bank and many Heber Valley homes, including the Abram Hatch home, just visited. Don Barker and Kent Larsen demonstrated, with considerable proficiency, the cutting and splitting of the sandstone blocks.

The site of the old Heber flour mill, built in 1899, was pointed out, a site empty for nearly eight years now.

The tour drove by "Uncle Dave" Hicken's home which was the "house of many rooms" in Rodolfo Hicken Hunter's nostalgic book of the same name.

**THE TOWN SQUARE** buildings were visited; tabernacle, social hall, and county courthouse. The restoration work now started on the tabernacle and social hall was pointed out—of replacing the broken-out windows using used glass carefully selected to assure the same uneven surfaced appearance of

est livestock shipping railroad in the country. On the way, the group could see the "sleeping princess" and her "pinto pony" outlined on Memorial Hill.

**THE BUSES STOPPED** at Mrs. Lethe Coleman Tatge's beautiful home in the center of Midway. Mrs. Tatge graciously received the visitors and told them of the founding of Midway, from two settlements, in the 1860's. She then narrated the building, by Bishop Watkins, of this fine old home over a hundred years ago, how it is English in design, as are the grounds, and that the beautiful and ornate trim was added by a skilled Swiss wood carver as the building was being completed. The enormous evergreen trees in front were pointed out to be a century and a quarter old, having been transplanted there when the home was built.

**PRESIDENT REED KOHLER** then took the group on a tour of Midway and the lower end of the Wasatch Mountain State Park, telling of early development of farms, saw mill, grist mill, home and above on the hillsides, the old mining claims. The use of "potrock" for many purposes was pointed out—homes, stone fences, even filled in hot pots for animal corrals. The old lime kiln was seen in the side of Memorial Hill.

Going to the top of Memorial Hill, the tremendous view stretched out in all directions, a green and peaceful valley in the early summer sun. The Boy Scouts of the Heber Fifth Ward—Troop 222 and Heber Sixth Ward—Troop 221 conducted a fine flag ceremony.

**THUS, A FULL DAY, AND** indeed a very impressive one, was enjoyed by these visitors to "paradise valley"—as it was so appropriately named by those the tops of the Wasatch Mountains.